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ATTACHED ARE THE TEXTS OF DRAFT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
FOR USE AT THE JUNE 27 INFORMAL SESSION. USDEL WILL
INTRODUCE THEM FOR AHG APPROVAL ON JUNE 26.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WHICH
EASTERN REPS ASKED ON JUNE 20 REGARDING WESTERN DATA.
2. IN THEIR FIRST QUESTION, EASTERN REPS ASKED IF EASTERN
REPS WERE CORRECT IN UNDERSTANDING THAT, AS OF 1 JANUARY 1976,
THERE WERE NO MILITARY POST IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE US, UK,
BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, CANADA AND LUXEMBOURG IN THE REDUCTION
AREA THAT MIGHT BE FILLED BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AS WELL AS
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL.
3. THE ANSWER IS YES, THE EASTERN UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT.
4. WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT WE ARE HERE REFERRING, AS WE
HAVE IN THE CASE OF EARLIER EASTERN QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT,
TO MILITARY POSITIONS WHICH ON OCCASION ARE OCCUPIED BY CIVI-
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LIANS. WE ARE NOT REFERRING, AND WE UNDERSTAND THE EAST'S
QUESTIONS HAVE NOT REFERRED, TO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE
ARMED FORCES. SUCH CIVILIANS ARE SEPARATE
FROM MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DO NOT FILL MILITARY POSITIONS. AS
WE HAVE TOLD EASTERN REPS, WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED IN OUR FIGURES
FOR EITHER SIDE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHO PERFORM TASKS IN SUPPORT
OF MILITARY FORCES.

5. AS REGARDS AMBASSADOR OESER'S SECOND QUESTION, THIS QUESTION DOES NOT PERTAIN TO THE FIGURES WHICH THE WEST HAS TABLED ON MANPOWER OF WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. IT REFERS INSTEAD TO WESTERN FIGURES ON MANPOWER OF INDIVIDUAL EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, WHICH INCLUDES DATA THE WEST HAS NOT PRESENTED SO FAR IN THESE TALKS.

6. IN THEIR THIRD QUESTION, EASTERN REPS ASKED IF IT WERE CORRECT THAT THE WEST HAD INCLUDED IN ITS FIGURES FOR GROUND AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER THOSE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO UNITS IN THE AREA BUT TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM THE AREA ON OTHER MISSIONS, ON VACATIONS, OR IN TRAINING OUTSIDE THE AREA.

7. THE ANSWER IS THAT THIS IS A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING.

8. THE EAST ALSO IS CORRECT IN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WEST HAS NOT INCLUDED IN ITS FIGURES THAT SMALL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO TRAINING CENTERS OUTSIDE THE AREA. SUCH PERSONNEL ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO UNITS IN THE AREA AND MERELY TEMPORARILY ABSENT, BUT ARE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE TRAINING CENTERS OUTSIDE THE AREA. THAT IS, THEIR UNITS OF ASSIGNMENT ARE OUTSIDE THE AREA.

9. WE WILL ANSWER THE EAST'S FOURTH QUESTION LATER.

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10. AS REGARDS THE EAST'S FIFTH QUESTION, WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN OUR REASONS FOR NOT BREAKING DOWN THE SINGLE FIGURE FOR PERSONNEL IN MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS INTO NATIONAL COMPONENTS.

11. WE NOW HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OF OUR OWN WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK REGARDING EASTERN DATA.

(1) OUR FIRST QUESTION REFERS TO MILITARY POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT BE FILLED BY EITHER CIVILIAN OR BY ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL. THAT IS, THE QUESTION REFERS TO THE SAME KINDS OF POSITIONS TO WHICH EASTERN REPS HAVE REFERRED IN QUESTIONS THEY ASKED ON MAY 24, 1977 AND MAY 30, AND JUNE 20, 1978.

(2) SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE ARE, IN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES IN THE AREA, MILITARY POSITIONS--INCLUDING OFFICER AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER POSITIONS--WHICH CAN BE FILLED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL PERFORMING THE FUNCTIONS CORRESPONDING TO THESE POSITIONS?

(3) SECOND, IF THERE ARE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FILLING SUCH POSITIONS IN SOVIET FORCES IN THE AREA, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THESE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EAST'S FIGURES FOR

SOVIET MANPOWER IN THE AREA.

(4) THIRD, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE ARE, IN SOVIET FORCES IN THE AREA, PERSONNEL WHO ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY, AUTHORIZED TO WEAR A MILITARY UNIFORM, SUBJECT TO MILITARY ORDERS AND DISCIPLINE, TRAINED FOR MILITARY FUNCTIONS, BUT WHO ARE PAID FROM BUDGETS OF DEPARTMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR MINISTRIES OTHER THAN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

(5) FOURTH, IF THERE ARE SUCH SOVIET PERSONNEL, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THEY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EAST'S FIGURES.

(6) OUR FIFTH QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS:
WE UNDERSTAND THAT A NUMBER OF NEWLY CONSCRIPTED SOVIET
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SOLDIERS ARE, UPON ARRIVING IN THE GDR IN THE NORMAL TROOP ROTATION, SENT DIRECTLY TO TRAINING UNITS. FOR EXAMPLE, TO TANK TRAINING UNITS. AFTER UNDERGOING TRAINING FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD, THESE PERSONNEL ARE THEN SENT TO A REGULAR UNIT WHERE THEY NORMALLY SERVE OUT THE REMAINDER OF THEIR ACTIVE DUTY ASSIGNMENT IN THE AREA.

(7) OUR QUESTION IS: DURING THE PERIOD THESE PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TRAINING UNITS, ARE THEY CARRIED ON THE ROSTERS OF THE UNITS TO WHICH THEY ARE TO BE ASSIGNED AT THE END OF THEIR TRAINING OR ARE THEY CARRIED ON THE ROSTERS OF THE TRAINING UNITS? WE ARE ASKING THIS QUESTION, AS WE HAVE ASKED SIMILAR QUESTIONS IN THE PAST, IN ORDER TO BE SURE ABOUT OUR OWN ALLOCATION OF THESE PERSONNEL IN WESTERN FIGURES ON WARSAW PACT FORCES. END TEXT. RESOR

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